

"§ 93D-13. Discipline, suspension, revocation of ~~licenses~~licenses; records.

(a) The Board may in its discretion administer the punishment of private reprimand, suspension of license for a fixed period or revocation of license as the case may warrant in their judgment for any violation of the rules and regulations of the Board or for any of the following causes:

- (1) ~~Habitual drunkenness~~
- (2) ~~Gross incompetence~~incompetence.
- (3) ~~Knowingly fitting and selling hearing aids while suffering with a contagious or infectious disease~~Inability to perform the functions for which the person is licensed or substantial impairment of the person's ability to perform the functions for which the person is licensed by reason of physical or mental disability.
- (4) Commission of a criminal offense indicating professional ~~unfitness~~unfitness.
- (5) The use of a false name or alias in ~~his business~~his or her business.
- (6) Conduct involving willful ~~deceit~~deceit.
- (7) Conduct involving fraud or any other business conduct involving moral ~~turpitude~~turpitude.
- (8) Advertising of a character or nature tending to deceive or mislead the ~~public~~public.
- (9) Advertising declared to be unethical by the Board or prohibited by the code of ethics established by the ~~Board~~Board.
- (10) Permitting another person to use ~~his license~~his or her license.
- (10a) Failure by a licensee to properly supervise an apprentice under ~~his supervision, and~~his or her supervision.
- (11) For violating any of the provisions of this Chapter.

(b) Board action in revoking or suspending a license shall be in accordance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes. Any person whose license has been suspended for any of the grounds or reasons herein set forth, may, after the expiration of 90 days but within two years, apply to the Board to have the same reissued; upon a showing satisfactory to the Board that ~~such~~ reissuance will not endanger the public health and welfare, the Board may reissue a license to such person for a fee set by the Board, not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00). If application is made subsequent to two years from date of suspension, reissuance shall be in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 93D-8.

(c) Records, papers, and other documents containing information collected or compiled by or on behalf of the Board as a result of an investigation, inquiry, or interview conducted in connection with registration, licensure, or a disciplinary matter shall not be considered public records within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes. Any notice or statement of charges, notice of hearing, or decision rendered by the Board in connection with a hearing is a public record. However, information that identifies a consumer who has not consented to the public disclosure of services rendered to the consumer by a person registered or licensed under this Chapter shall be deleted from the public record. All other records, papers, and documents containing information collected or compiled by or on behalf of the Board shall be public records, provided that any information that identifies a consumer who has not consented to the public disclosure of services rendered to the consumer is deleted."

SECTION 6. This act is effective when it becomes law.